Russian federal forces have prevented a terrorist attack in southeastern Chechnya.

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Khnakal (Chechnya): A landmine planted on the side of the road leading from Shali to Avtury was found after federal forces received a tip from locals, spokesman for the federal forces in the North Caucasus Maj. Gen. Ilya Shabalkin told Interfax on Saturday. The mine was made of an artillery shell and a timer, Shabalkin said. It was planted at a place where the road is intensively used by local residents. "A blast could have resulted in numerous casualties," he said. The landmine was removed and defused. Its components have been taken for an examination by experts, Shabalkin said.

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